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SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US-CONGOLESE RELATIONS

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1. REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOLLOWING TO CONGOLESE PERMREP
MONDJO: USG AGREEABLE TO BEGINNING TALKS WEEK OF
APRIL 14. HOWEVER, ALL PREPARATIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS
HAVE BEEN MADE ON ASSUMPTION THEY WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
WASHINGTON, SINCE THIS WAS LOCALE REQUESTED BY MONDJO
IN HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE IT
PREFERABLE TO HOLD THE DISCUSSIONS HERE AND WOULD
APPRECIATE HIS MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION TO HIS GOVT.
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2. IF DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT WASHINGTON WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC, YOU MAY SUGGEST AS ALTERNATIVE THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN NEW YORK, NOTING THAT AS SITE UN HEADQUARTERS IT PROVIDES MORE NEUTRAL LOCALE.

3. FYI: WHILE DEPT DEFINITELY PREFERS WASHINGTON AND HOPES CONGOLESE WILL AGREE TO THIS VENUE, WE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IF NECESSARY TO AVOID HAVING THIS ISSUE BECOME MAJOR OBSTACLE TO GETTING TALKS UNDER WAY. INGERSOLL

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